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Applicant: Yamamoto et al.  
Serial No.: 10/725,961  
Filed: 02 December 2003  
Group Art Unit: 3746  
Examiner: Unknown  
Title: EXHAUST MUFFLER AND MUFFLER  
SYSTEM FOR USE WITH AN INTERNAL  
COMBUSTION ENGINE

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S)

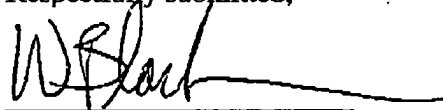
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to The Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application, dated 02 April 2004, applicant elects option III, i.e. amendment of the specification. Applicant wishes to proceed with the prosecution of the original disclosure, amended to correct for the omission of a drawing. Enclosed is the preliminary amendment to the specification to correct for the filing error.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT- A

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In response to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application, dated 02 April 2004, please amend the application as follows: